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SUBJECT: TERRORIST TRIALS IN STUTTGART

REF: STUTTGART 0993

1. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS ON JUNE 6 THE STUTTGART COURT SITTING AT STAMMHEIM SENTENCED JOHANNES THIMME TO 1 YEAR AND 10 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT. THE COURT RULED THAT THIMME'S PARTICIPATION IN THE HAAG-MAYER TERRORIST GROUP HAD NOT BEEN "TOO SIGNIFICANT", THOUGH HE HAD BEEN MORE THAN JUST A FOLLOWER (SEE REFTEL). THE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS CONTENDED THE VERDICT WAS A TRANSPARENT EFFORT TO PUNISH THIMME FOR HIS POLITICAL CONVICTIONS.

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2. ALSO ON JUNE 6 FEDERAL PROSECUTOR GENERAL KURT REBMANN PREFERRED CHARGES AGAINST VOLKER SPEITEL AND HANS-JOACHIM DELLWO FOR MEMBERSHIP IN A CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION. SPEITEL AND DELLWO WERE EMPLOYEES IN THE LAW OFFICE OF CLAUS CROISSANT, NOW ON TRIAL FOR LESSER CHARGES UNDER THE TERMS OF HIS EXTRADITION FROM FRANCE. SPEITEL, WHO HAS BEEN IN PRE-TRIAL CONFINEMENT SINCE OCTOBER 1977, AND DELLWO, SIMILARLY CONFINED SINCE AUGUST 1977,

ARE CHARGED WITH HAVING PROVIDED WEAPONS AND MUNITIONS FOR BAADER
AND THE OTHER TERRORISTS IN STAMMHEIM PRISON AND WITH HAVING
FORWARDED MESSAGES OF THE STUTTGART PRISONERS TO OTHER MEMBERS OF
THE RED ARMY FACTION. SPEITEL IS ALSO CHARGED WITH BEING AN
ACCESSORY IN THE BOMBING ON THE GERMAN EMBASSY IN STOCKHOLM.
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